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REMARKS

Briefly recapping the in-person interview with Applicants' Attorney on August 7, 2007: a key feature of the present invention is Applicants' discovery that double-stranded DNA and RNA do not bind to an IMAC column. None of the references teaches this discovery. This discovery enables the separation of shielded from unshielded compounds and is a powerful new tool in recovering DNA or RNA target compounds.

At the interview, Petty was discussed as being "a process to purify a specific protein..." (Petty 10.11.10). In contrast, the present invention purifies DNA or RNA substantially *free* of proteins. A feature of the present invention is that double stranded DNA and RNA do not bind to an IMAC column, and this enables separating shielded from unshielded purine or pyrimidine compounds.

Hubert processes only mono- and di-nucleotides and never processes a lysate (see Applicants' Claim 10) nor 4+ purine group molecules (see Applicants' Claim 10). The Yarchoan references apply only to AIDS therapy, and the minor AIDS drug claims have been cancelled without prejudice.

After the Interview, by the Amendment filed 24 September 2007: "and collecting the target compound substantially free of protein" was added at the end of Claim 10 to make it clear that this is not a mere transient product.

In this response, the Claims were not amended except to cancel nonelected Claims 13, 15 and 31 drawn to purifying foodstuffs. No new matter or estoppel is involved.

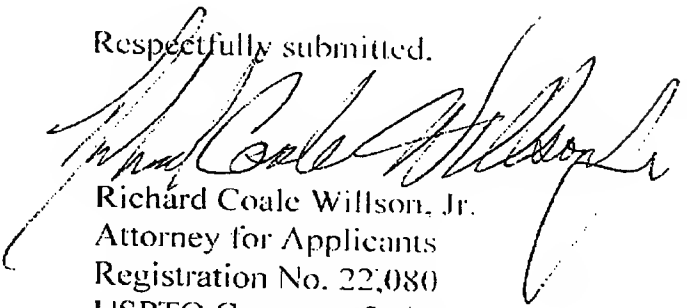
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The Examiner is especially invited to suggest allowable subject matter on next action, and to telephone Applicants' Attorney if that would expedite prosecution and disposal of this Application.

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